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PALO ALTO
Built in 2003, this exquisite Villa is only minutes to downtown. Magnificent design incorporates the formal and informal areas, creating an elegant and warm feeling throughout. With over 6,000sf, this unique home features materials from French country chateaus, Italian estates and custom cabinetry from England.
$7,500,000

LOS ALTOS HILLS
Beautiful, exquisitely designed five bedroom, four and one half bath Tudor home with incredible views of the mountains, green belt and vineyards. Nestled in an enchanting, peaceful, approximately one acre garden with gazebo, pool, hot tub and two koi ponds. Extravagant master has sitting room with wet bar and fireplace.
$6,495,000

LOS ALTOS
Light-filled Craftsman style, newly constructed shingled home with an exceptionally flexible floor plan. Glowing hardwood flooring compliments detailed millwork. Created for sophisticated entertaining, this home offers the charm and style of times gone by.
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Upfront
Local news, information and analysis

City Manager Frank Benest’s job in jeopardy?

After an unusual 2.5-hour closed personnel “evaluation” session by the City Council Monday night, City Manager Frank Benest still had his job. But it may be hanging in the balance.

His evaluation was continued until Tuesday night, Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto announced at 10:20 p.m. Monday. Benest’s evaluation was scheduled just last week by Vice Mayor Larry Klein, on behalf of the Council-appointed Officers (CAO) Committee of the council, which unanimously requested the session.

The abrupt scheduling of the evaluation fueled speculation that Benest, hired in 2000, may be nearing the end of his term as manager of the city’s 1,074 employees.

Last December, the council held a special two-night evaluation of Benest, his second evaluation that year — a rarity for the four council-appointed officers (the city manager, city attorney, city clerk and city auditor).

“It’s our responsibility to have oversight of the management,” then-Mayor Judy Kleinberg said of the session, downplaying reported council dissatisfaction with Benest’s performance. Some council members reportedly were concerned that he left too much day-to-day management to Assistant City Manager Emily Harrison and others.

Benest defended his management involvement, citing the hiring of Diane Jennings as library director and Valerie Fong as utilities director; ongoing negotiations with Stanford Shopping Center, auto dealers and Stanford Medical Center; finalizing the contract with labor unions; and budget cost-cutting.

Earlier, in August 2006, a $4,000 (continued on page 11)

Palo Alto man can do sudoku

Resident crowned U.S. champion in first-ever National Sudoku Championship

It only took 7 minutes and 9 seconds for Thomas Snyder, 27, of Palo Alto to solve an advanced sudoku puzzle and become the U.S. sudoku champion Saturday.

Never heard of the competition? That’s because it was the Philadelphia Inquirer National Sudoku Championship’s first year in existence. More than 300 spectators gathered at the Philadelphia Convention Center to watch 857 contestants — 150 of whom competed in the advanced category — battle for the U.S. Sudoku Champion title.

It was the largest live puzzle tournament ever held, according to organizers.

Snyder, who holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from Harvard University and now does post-doctoral research at Stanford University, is no stranger to the popular number puzzle. He already holds the title of sudoku world champion.

Snyder said he was excited about the Philadelphia competition because “it was actually a U.S. championship. ... There would be U.S. press there, and it might (get) on YouTube.”

The national championship was also the first he’s entered with prizes and money on the line. With the title came $10,000 and a spot on the six-person U.S. Sudoku Team, which will compete in the Sudoku World Championship in Goa, India, next year.

“It is an excellent feeling to be the U.S. Champion,” Snyder said. “I had the feeling before, being the world champion, but this time it was for the U.S., and I actually got prize money for being good at it.

“I thought it was pretty cool,” he added. “At the world championship, I realized that I’m not only really good at solving it, but also that I’m probably the best at solving it.”

Snyder has solved puzzles since he was a child and started doing sudoku five years ago. But he only recently developed an interest in puzzle competitions after seeing “Wordplay,” a documentary about (continued on page 11)

Lyttton Plaza redesign proposed

Business district, parks group and city to pay for $600,000 project

A group of downtown business leaders, along with Palo Alto parks advocates, have revived plans to renovate Lytton Plaza.

Former mayor Leland Levy, Garden Court Hotel General Manager Barbara Gross and others are orchestrating a three-way partnership among the city, the Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association and Friends of the Palo Alto Parks to fund a facelift for the 0.2-acre public square.

Problems with the University Avenue park roll off Levy’s tongue. “Lytton Plaza is worn, dated and only marginally functional, and unattractive and underused,” Levy said.

For example, there isn’t anywhere comfortable to sit to eat or have a conversation, said Gross, a board member of the downtown association.

“I think everybody has known for years that Lytton Plaza needs work and has the potential to be a prime, quintessential keynote spot in the downtown,” Gross said.

The partnership is proposing two groves of leafy trees, a stage, lights and a fountain in place of the current scuffed, circular benches and sparse greenery.

A small hedge would border Emersion Street and University Avenue and include the sidewalks in the plaza. And, the “Digital DNA” egg-shaped sculpture could remain in the park’s center, Levy said. An earlier go-round left the 7-foot-tall egg out of the plans and roused the ire of the city’s Public Arts Commission, which commissioned the sculpture.

He said the design accords with the city’s 1997 downtown master plan. The redesign would cost $600,000, with the city paying half, Levy said.
A human relations problem

Three months ago, words were written in the Weekly that touched off a controversy that is not over.

Jeff Blum, 45, a member of the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission (HRC), wrote a column in the Weekly on July 11, inviting readers to attend the next evening’s commission meeting because of the importance of the topics to be discussed.

One of the topics was the recent heated debate in the school district about Mandarin immersion.

Blum also wrote that the commission would discuss “charges that the Peninsula Peace and Justice Center promoted anti-Semitic beliefs and beliefs.”

Blum has never specified, then or now, what those charges were.

The Peace Center has long been a critic of the Israeli government’s policies on dealing with Palestinians.

It’s fair game to rip into the Peace Center for its criticism of the political actions of the Israeli government. That’s what political debate is about.

But to accuse someone of being anti-Semitic for criticizing Israel is far different.

Paul George, the longtime director of the Peace Center, was furious when he read Blum’s column.

Three months later, despite a private meeting brokered by Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto, the matter is far from over, from George’s perspective.

On the day of the commission meeting, George wrote a protest letter to the group.

“By what authority does the HRC hold hearings on anti-Semitism at the Peace Center wasn’t actually discussed at the commission’s July 12 meeting. By then, the controversy had blown up and the commission was advised by the city attorney to avoid any specific.

The one person spoke to the issue at the July 12 meeting was Holly Ullman, a member of the local Jewish Relations Council. She asked the commission to take the item off the agenda.

“Here is the wrong forum to make rules for political discourse,” she said.

LaDoris Cordell, the City Council’s liaison to the commission, when informed of Blum’s bringing up anti-Semitism, responded that the commission was supposed to excel in HRF Blum relations.

“The harm that has been done to the Peace Center can’t be revoked,” Henry Organ, a Peace Center board member, said.

“These kinds of attacks are intended to intimidate us and keep our opinions to ourselves, and that’s not what we’re about,” George said. “A wrong has been done and it has never been undone.”

“The HRC should have never even touched on this,” he added.

The commission’s private meeting with Blum, George and others in the aftermath of the July 12 meeting didn’t resolve anything.

There was no agreement to that was that commission Chair Shauna Wilson Mora would write an op-ed piece in the Weekly, which she did. Mora apologized for failing to invite George to the July 12 meeting — the commission had scheduled a meeting to talk about the Peace Center without ever inviting the Peace Center.

Mora’s apology was heartfelt and accepted by George, but it didn’t settle matters.

Blum is unrepentant about what happened, including about what he wrote. He still won’t say who accused the Peace Center of being anti-Semitic. “People did mention to me that the center gave the impression of being anti-Semitic,” he said.

“I’m amazed he’s continuing to pursue this,” Blum said of George. “I felt the matter was resolved. I bit my tongue and took it on the chin” at the meeting with the mayor.

“Six years from now, someone will do a Google search and come up with Jeff’s article,” George explained. “I’m also concerned about the damage it might have done to the HRC. They play an important role and I’m glad we have one in Palo Alto.”

Blum’s accusation that the Peace Center is anti-Semitic harmed not only the Peace Center but also the commission in its role as the thoughtful arbiter of disputes between people in the community.

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Merger upsets members of animal group

Board action, prompted by financial crisis, leaves long-time volunteers feeling left out

by Arden Pennell

The animal-rescue nonprofit Wildlife Rescue is looking for salvation itself, board members have announced.

The 33-year-old Palo Alto group, which takes in and rehabilitates injured birds and other animals, is facing a financial crisis that its board of directors says can only be solved by a merger with the larger and better-funded Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA.

But the board never consulted the large corps of volunteers that supports Wildlife Rescue, frustrated volunteers said this week.

“I didn’t know what the board was doing because they didn’t communicate with anybody,” said Valerie Baldwin, volunteer and former president and board member.

“This came as a bolt out of the blue to the membership,” she said.

Wildlife Rescue was founded in 1974 and has helped thousands of Palo Alto’s injured animals recover and return to the wild.

Yet due to funding cuts from the cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View, the nonprofit faces a dire financial situation that may force it to close, board Vice President Michelle Cobb said.

The group currently employs only two full-time staff members, half the usual number, she said. The nonprofit had to cancel its annual fundraising gala, Raptor Release, due to lack of funds and staffing, she said.

But the merger could bring money and personnel support to the group, allowing it to continue operations from its current site in Cubberley Community Center, she said.

“We’re very much understaffed right now. If we merge with the Humane Society, we can draw on [their] paid staff and volunteers,” she said.

The group’s current facility would stay open if the city agrees to transfer the lease to the Peninsula Humane Society, and services would improve with support from the much larger organization, she said.

The operating budget of Wildlife Rescue is $200,000, according to board materials; the Peninsula Humane Society’s budget is $9 million, according to spokesperson Scott Delucchi.

The board sent an e-mail to volunteers and members last week urging them to vote for the proposed merger in November.

But the board should have turned to volunteers and members long before then, said Baldwin, who with other volunteers wrote a protest e-mail last week entitled “Let’s Save Wildlife Rescue.”

“We just want to say, ‘Whoa, let’s talk about this some more and see if there are other alternatives.’”

—Valerie Baldwin, volunteer, Wildlife Rescue

The announcement flies in the face of the nonprofit’s distinctly volunteer-based culture, composed of members such as Baldwin, who has been active for 20 years, she said.

Volunteers would have been eager to help solve problems if consulted earlier, she said this week.

“There are many long-time members of Wildlife Rescue that have been involved in [volunteering] and governance and are willing to help out, and none of us were asked to help out,” she said.

Baldwin and others do not assert the merger is a bad idea — because the board has kept communications limited, they don’t have enough information yet to know, she said.

“We just want to say, ‘Whoa, let’s talk about this some more and see if there are other alternatives,’” she said.

The Peninsula Humane Society is based in San Mateo, and there are more local organizations the group could partner with, she said.

Volunteers aired such concerns at a meeting with the boards of Wildlife Rescue and the Humane Society earlier, she said.

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**BECOMING GRANDPARENTS**

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- **Wednesday, November 14**

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**Pacific Art League deal inked**

The Pacific Art League’s Board of Directors has signed a deal with local developer Jim Baer to purchase and rehabilitate its nearly 80-year-old building at 668 Ramona St., a spokeswoman announced Friday.

Pending the approval of its members in late November, the league will sell the three-story clay monolith: city hall rehab imminent.

The nine-month, $6 million project includes a list of 64 fixes, such as ceiling replacements, roof patches, ventilation improvements, electrical upgrades and accessibility changes. The rehab sparked some chatter on the Weekly’s online TownSquare forum. “Another North Palo Alto project our city is pouring money into,” wrote Forgotten South PA. But College Terrace’s Mike responds: “People, it’s a multi-level building; it needs upkeep. Relax.” The building will remain in-use during construction, Public Works Manager Karen Smith said.

SECRET LIBRARY? ... Secret societies, sure, and even secrets hidden in libraries, but an entirely secret building? But since 2003, Stanford University has been storing many of its bookly treasures in a warehouse-like facility about 50 miles away, according to the intrepid Stanford Daily, the campus’ student-run newspaper. Daily trips to the secret building? But since 2003, Stanford University has been storing many of its bookly treasures in a warehouse-like facility about 50 miles away, according to the intrepid Stanford Daily, the campus’ student-run newspaper. Daily trips to the secret building? But since 2003, Stanford University has been storing many of its bookly treasures in a warehouse-like facility about 50 miles away, according to the intrepid Stanford Daily, the campus’ student-run newspaper. Daily trips to the secret building? But since 2003, Stanford University has been storing many of its bookly treasures in a warehouse-like facility about 50 miles away, according to the intrepid Stanford Daily, the campus’ student-run newspaper.

Members will vote on the deal Nov. 29, when they will also select the next Board of Directors.

— Becky Trout
Neighborhoods
A roundup of neighborhood news edited by Sue Dremann

AROUND THE BLOCK

TO THE RESCUE ... Neighborhood groups, PANDA volunteers, and city and county emergency personnel will join the state Office of Emergency Services in a statewide anti-terrorism drill on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Golden Guardian drill will create a hypothetical bioterrorist event, where teams will rescue victims and establish a center to disperse medication to at-risk people exposed to a biological agent. For more information on Palo Alto’s involvement in the program, call the Palo Alto Office of Emergency Services at 650-617-3197.

A HOT TOPIC ... A public hearing on adoption of changes to the 2007 California Fire Code with local amendments will take place on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. Every three years the state publishes a new report with changes to the code. Changes will include new fire sprinkler regulations for new commercial and residential structures. Refer to the City Manager’s report, CMR 384-07, which is available on the City of Palo Alto Web site for more information. The hearing takes place at the Palo Alto City Council Chambers, First Floor, 250 Hamilton Ave.

VTA COMMUNITY BUS PLAN HEARING ... On Aug. 30, the VTA Board voted unanimously to approve the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA), which included major changes to Line 88 in Midtown Palo Alto as well as directed VTA staff to create a comprehensive community bus plan for Palo Alto by December 2007. On Sept. 4, City and VTA staff held the kick-off meeting for the community bus study with representatives of the local transit agencies, Stanford Marguente, and neighborhood and school representatives. Three community workshops are scheduled in the next three months, including at a public hearing at the Planning and Transportation Commission, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Recommendations on a community bus plan will be forwarded to the Council in December. For more information on the community workshops and public hearing, call 650-329-2441.

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Carved pumpkins offer a rare treat

Stanford art professor encourages students to be inventive at Halloween

by Sue Dremann

On Halloween night, the pumpkins glow eerily in Matt Kahn’s yard. Their carved visages flicker silently along the pathway and lawn leading to the front door, the same as they have for nearly 50 years. There have been hundreds of them. Meet the goddess Venus — her voluptuous figure dancing against the pathway and lawn leading to the front door, the same as they have for nearly 50 years.

The carved jack-o’-lanterns arrive at Kahn’s house on Halloween night, arranged on the lawn, pathways and ranging on the lawn, pathways and

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Campus for Jewish Life a ‘delight’ for little shop

Despite construction chaos, Delight’s owner looks forward to new customers

by Sue Dremann

The little lighting shop next door to the Taube-Koret Campus for Jewish Life construction site stands out like the last tooth in a vacant grin. The only remaining shop on that block of East Charleston Road, Delight Lighting, Inc. has survived the wrecking ball. Gone are the Sun Microsystems campus that once occupied the site, and the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, which Delight’s owner, Shimon Avrahami, used to frequent for lunch.

The ground is ripped open beside his little store’s narrow driveway, just 8 feet away. But the Delight Lighting shop at 849 East Charleston Road is hanging on, amid the clamor of grading equipment and construction activity. For Avrahami, progress is not a threat, but an opportunity.

“It will be good for business — and I can enjoy the gym,” he said, standing among the colored-glass sconces and sparkling chandeliers of his 6,000-square-foot showroom. A native of Israel, Avrahami has been in the lighting business for 17 years. Delight Lighting was a fixture on Birch Street off California Avenue for nearly eight years, but he moved the shop to its present location in August 2006 where he has a bigger space.

Delight’s customer base includes homeowners, renters and professionals. There are classes on lighting and a soon-to-come “green zone” offering environmentally friendly and money-saving solutions, such as installing fiber-optic lighting, he said. Avrahami enjoys making art through light.

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THE FASCINATING BROADWAY HIT
GOLDA’S BALCONY

By William Gibson
Directed by Aaron Davidman
Starring Camille Saviola

The rise of Golda Meir from impoverished Russian schoolgirl to Prime Minister of Israel is one of the amazing stories of the 20th century.

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CITY OF PALO ALTO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO Government Code Section 55022.3, that the City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter, as the matter may be heard in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California, to consider an ordinance adopting the 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, CHAPTERS 3, 4, 5 25 AND APPENDIX TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, AND RELATED FINDINGS.

Copies of the 2007 California Fire Code and local amendments and the 2006 International Fire Code are on file in the City Clerk’s Office and open to public inspection during normal business hours. Additional copies of the 2006 International Fire Code, the 2007 California Fire Code and local amendments are on file in the Fire Department and open to public inspection during normal business hours. This notice is being published in accordance with Government Code Section 6066.

DONNA J. ROGERS
City Clerk
Menlo Park... Situated on a quiet cul-de-sac, this spacious floor plan boasts 1 BR/2BA w/ bonus loft. Large LR/DR combo & eat-in kitchen. Details include a master suite, hardwood floors, sliding doors that access a lush backyard with mature foliage. Close proximity to shopping, dining & MP schools.

Tim Kerns/Patty Dwyer $1,595,000

Menlo Park... Majestic Oaks and Redwoods surround this beautifully landscaped home located on one of the most desirable streets in WMenlo Park. This spacious, remodeled 6BR/4BA home combines a thoughtful floor plan w/tasteful appointments & quality workmanship.

Susan Furstman $3,100,000

Menlo Park... Charming, completely remodeled 3 BD/2BA home in prime west Menlo Park location. Huge, landscaped lot with lush lawns and beautiful trees. Close to downtown and outstanding Menlo Park Schools. Oak Knoll and Hillview.

Elizabeth Daubach $1,659,000

Redwood City... Stunning Mr. Carmel remodeled 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath home. Family Rooms, Living Room with his appliances and dining area. Outdoor patio with fireplace. A true oasis.

Kristin Cashin $1,345,000

Redwood City... Fantastic, totally remodeled Co-op Condo in the heart of the Peninsula. 2BR/2BA near shopping amenities & transportation. Quiet, small complex, & more. Best buy in area.

Tobi Baldwin $840,000

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Expansive Montara Timber Framed Estate and Equestrian Facility in Aptos. Award winning architect, John Blackburn, designed this home to be luxurious and comfortably elegant. Equestrian Facilities w/tall barn + all the amenities, riding arena, covered pen and 11 pastures. Property is ideal for future equestrian development.

Susan Furstman $5,175,000

FOSTER CITY

Recently updated 3 bed/2.5 bath condo in Idl Cove. New carpeting, fresh paint and new appliances. Living room features fireplace and sliding doors that lead to private patio.

Jami Arami $715,000

LOS ALTOS

This s Conversely & tranquil 4BR/3BA home is ideal for entertaining w/spectacular views from every room. Substantially renovated, 2mr, stg, high ceiling, Sep. LR/DR/FM. Flat Lot surrounded by lush garden, oak & redwood trees. Top LA Schls.

Farideh Zamani $2,679,000

Menlo Park... Duplex in very desirable area, close to Sylvan Park. 3BR/2BA is beautifully remodeled. Large private backyard, great freeway access to all arteries. Additional unit is a 2BR/1BA.

Martta Hayes $1,250,000

Lovely new 4BR/2.5BA home in unique loc near downtown, library, park, Bubb Elem & more! Offers upscale finishes including hardwood, great counters, high end fixtures, int-out 1st flr, lucky rm inside, 2 ovens, milgard dlphl pane windows, frprlc in LR.

Dory Macharman $1,099,000


Paul Skrabo $978,000

MENLO PARK

French Chateau with 4 bedrooms, 4 and one half baths, 2 family rooms, office, living and dining rooms. One of the most beautiful kitchens in the world with marble countertops inlaid with stone and French slate limestone floors. Winery, 12 stall barn.

Dana Cappiello $9,995,000

Estate property with stunning 3BD/2BA main home. Spacious kitchen and family room. Useable flat acreage. Sep. 1BD/1BA guesthouse. 2 stall barns, paddock and pool.

Dana Cappiello $3,475,000

REDWOOD CITY

Spanish Villa centrally located, close to downtown MP. 5 spacious BR, 3 full BA w/bonus basement entertainment/game room--Unwind while relaxing near backyard pool surrounded by redwood trees. Home Features 5 private balconies including wrap around master patio.

Meeghan Ferrari $3,099,000

Beautiful bright & airy home in a fabulous location. Close to Downtown and the Menlo Cal Train Station.

Julia Kennedy $679,000

Sunnyvale... 3BR/2BA desirable starter home in a fabulous location. Close to Downtown and the Sunnyvale Cal Train Station.

Michael S. Teymouri Offered at $580,000

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Michael S. Teymouri $5,995,000

Sunnyvale... Beautiful bright & airy home in prime Cherry Chase area. 3BR/1BA, kitch w/ granite countertops & Maple cabinets. Heled flrs, Dbl pane Wndws. Perfect lot size w/covered patio & vegetable gdn. Close to park, schools & shopping.

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Menlo Park... This Charming Ranch sits in the heart of the Willows. Close to downtown Palo Alto & w/in blocks of local market, coffee shop, spa & park w/ dog run. 2BR/1 tiled BA, separate dining room, heled flrs, carpeting, double pane windows, Menlo Park schools.

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Upfront

Lighting shop (continued from page 7)

“It’s a moment, you can create ambi-
cence and atmosphere with lights — it’s the best feeling,” he said.

The Campus is Jewish Life, which is slated to open in 2009, may offer many opportunities to increase his business, he said. The store will be convenient and attract-
tive to Campus visitors.

Many of the seniors moving into the 193-unit independent and as-
sisted-living units — known as 899 Charleston — will want to personal-
ize their own space, he said.

The senior residence will consist of six four-story buildings. Avrha-
mi envisions a lot of lighting there.

It’s the same vision he had when opening his first Palo Alto show-
room nine years ago. He moved to the United States at age 33 to join

Pumpkins (continued from page 7)

tables throughout the yard. Hund-
redsof students, neighbors, chil-
dren and friends flock to see the an-
nual display. It’s always filled with
surprises, participants said.

“It’s a thrill to see what they come up with,” said John Edmark, an art
department lecturer who has been
involved with the project for seven
years.

“There are no prizes — just fame
and glory.” Edmark’s class often joins Kahn’s in the contest.

“The stipulation to students is to recog-
nize that they are lanterns, but they
should say ‘boo’ metaphorically,” he
said. The young trick-or-treaters are
“the most severely critical clients
they will ever have,” Kahn has told
his students.

“The great thing is the kids are
totally honest. Watching their eyes
light up, their faces say more than any
words. There have never been any
thing beyond three triangles and a
toothy grin,” Edmark said.

Neigh
bor Mary Kaiser said she
doesn’t mind the hubbub the annual
death creates. The display is worth
the one evening of inconvenience.

She recalled that in former days,
nearby trick-or-treaters could
come into the Kahn home for a treat and perhaps gather in the liv-
ing room to watch a mystery show
on television.

These days, Kahn hires a security
guard in case some visitors decide
to “take the old Halloween trickery
done to an extreme,” he said.

“The traffic has been overwhel-
mimg, but I don’t mind that,” said
Kaiser. She used to worry about chil-
dren’s safety, but she said she
left out the traffic, but it isn’t as it was in the
old days, with children going out on
their own. Now, parents accompany
their children anyway, she added.

“We apologize to the neighbors.
We get so many trick-or-treaters. They
always say ‘Oh, Matt, it’s a
wonderful thing,’ so nobody’s mad
at me,” Kahn said.

“It’s Matt’s show. We support him
— it’s the best feeling,” he said.

Pumpkins are ripe for private-public partnerships. Some of the
most unusual and unique pumpkins the Kahn family — all artists
— would carve, she said.

“They are out of this world,” she said.

Kaiser said she likes the excite-
ment the pumpkin contest brings to
the neighborhood. But some of her favorite sights have been the pump-
kings the Kahn family — all artists
— would carve, she said.

“They are very unusual and unique
carvings. It’s more like an art show
than a pumpkin festival,” neighbor
Alice Gardener said.

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thousands would visit the Kahn home and have a treat and perhaps gather in the liv-
ing room to watch a mystery show
on television.

The young trick-or-treaters are
“the most severely critical clients
they will ever have,” Kahn has told
his students.

“The great thing is the kids are
totally honest. Watching their eyes
light up, their faces say more than any
words. There have never been any
thing beyond three triangles and a

Lytton Plaza (continued from page 3)

That design was to be considered
by the city’s Parks and Recreation
Commission Tuesday and by the
Downtown Business Association
Wednesday morning. An update on
the commission meeting will be post-
Palo AltoOnline.com.

Levy, who has been involved with the
project for seven years, said that
the design was to be considered
by the city’s Parks and Recreation
commission.

Levy and Gross both emphasized the
group’s desire to involve the
community in the park’s redesign.

“We’re just starting along this
road,” Gross said. “We want to make
sure this is a collaborative effort.”

Lytton Plaza is known as a venue
for free speech and a haven for youth
and the homeless.

On Monday morning, three of the
plaza’s regulars said they think the
city could find something better to
do with its money.

“They come to the square because
it’s in the center of town and a com-
fortable spot, said a young Park resi-
dent Dave Endliss, 19.

“It’s the local hangout,” said Palo
Alto’s Spencer Sherby, 20, as he
and 22-year-old James Thomas lit

The owner Chuck Hammers advocated a piazza-style redesign with a sunken fountain. Piazza My Heart borders the plaza.

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only a single business, Gross said.

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park,” she said. “The idea that this
benefits one business is really not
legitimate.”

Buoyed by the success of the Chil-
dren’s Library and Heritage Park
playground, Gross said the time is
ripe for private-public partnerships.

“Live Andersen, who sits on one
of the concrete benches, sipping coffee
and chatting.

“She said she likes the plaza’s
‘laid-back environment.’

“You don’t feel like you need to
wear a suit to sit here,” Mrs. said,
adding that the concrete benches
were a bit uncomfortable.

Gross said the plaza’s renovation
wasn’t driven by a desire to oust its
current inhabitants.

“Everybody’s welcome,” Gross
said. “(We want) to enhance the
space it is to welcome more people
who would like to spend time there.

Revamping Lytton Plaza has been
discussed for at least 11 years. Most
recently, in 2004, Levy, developer Roxy Kapp and Pizza My Heart

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Nearby Dennis Mirs, who takes
classes at Stanford University, and
Alison Dresden, a Cheesecake Fac-
tory employee, sat on one of the
concrete benches, sipping coffee
and chatting.

“This is a huge desire that Lyt-
ton Plaza become a showplace for
the downtown,” Levy said. “We feel
there is momentum.”

Gross said that fundraising efforts
will reach out to businesses as well
as Palo Alto residents.

“This could be a terrific gathering
place for really what we’re look-
ing for — to maximize its potential,”
Gross said.

The Friends of the Palo Alto
Parks group is accepting donations
at www.friendsofpaparks.org.

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com.
City Council
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bonus for Benest barely received enough council votes. The bonus was openly opposed by then-Vice Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto and council members Klein and Dena Mochastic.

Two recent situations have reportedly turned up the heat on Benest, insiders say. One is a recent summary report showing the numerous recommendations by City Auditor Sharon Erickson haven’t been addressed over several years, and work hasn’t even started on some recommended corrections.

The second is a controversy that surfaced last week about Benest allegedly ordering initial reports on personnel investigations be done orally, purportedly to skirt the state’s Public Records Act — in this case relating to a harassment/hostile work environment investigation of an un-named high-level manager. Benest has denied there has been a change in policy or that he had any such intent.

Earlier investigations of the Utilities Department and last spring of Harrison also have shaken confidence in Benest as a hands-on manager of a complex city, according to council members. Benest earned $230,000 in 2006 and would have nine months’ salary due if he loses the job, according to the city. Benest earlier secured the right to remain in his Bryant Street house — which is jointly owned by the city — until 2017 or until his children are through school in Palo Alto.

Six votes are needed to terminate the manager, according to the City Charter. •

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Wildlife rescue
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Society at the society’s San Mateo headquarters on Monday night.

Humane Society president Ken White was able to ease some of the volunteers’ concerns, Baldwin said.

White confirmed volunteers will continue to be able to care for animals in their homes, she said.

He also said that the Humane Society may change the name of its wild-animal facilities to “Wildlife Rescue” to preserve the organization’s historical identity, she said.

And the resources of the larger organization impressed volunteers accustomed to a tighter budget and recent financial crisis, she said.

“I astonished everybody that the last three years [the Humane Society] had a million dollars excess of income over expenses and had plenty of money to do whatever is needed,” to get Wildlife Rescue to continue,” she said.

Yet volunteers will still have questions for the Wildlife Rescue board when the two parties meet this Friday, she said.

“We’re still raising the question as to whether Wildlife Rescue could remain independent given the large number of volunteers that are willing to help to make that happen,” she said.

Volunteers will also press the board to explain why it did not earlier communicate with them, she said.

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Sudoku
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Sudoku is a logic puzzle whose popularity has skyrocketed in the past three years, developing a devoted — some would say rabid — following. The puzzle is solved when numbers are entered into nine 3x3 grids, each filled with numbers 1 to 9.

Though the Japanese popularized the puzzle in the mid-1980s and gave it its current name, it was developed by an American and first published in Dell Pencil Puzzles & Word Games in 1979, according to an article on the Mathematical Association of America Web site.

Snyder said his technique to solving these puzzles quickly is “being flexible.”

“There’s no schedule,” he said.

“One trick is practice. You just have to get good at solving the puzzle.”

In addition to sudoku, Snyder enjoys other logic puzzles. He’s motivated by desire to discover the key to solving puzzles, then figuring out how to do them faster, he said.

“I’m actually doing a whole slew of puzzles. I want a varied experience for my brain,” he added. “Like how you might go to a gym and work out your upper body. Well, the next day, you might want to work something else out.”

Before competing in sudoku, Snyder competed in the World Puzzles Championship, which includes any math or logic puzzle with no world or cultural bias. For example, crossword puzzles are tied to cultures because of language and definition barriers, while sudoku is based on numbers, which allows different cultures to play.

Snyder has been the U.S. puzzle champion for the past two years but has yet to win a world championship title.

When he’s not solving puzzles, Snyder enjoys long-distance running and has competed in three marathons.

“It’s surprising because people would think that because I love puzzles ... I would just like to stay at home and do puzzles, and (that) I hate going outside,” he said. “But I love hiking and running and those sorts of activities. That’s one great thing about Northern California — you can do them whenever you want to go out.”

Snyder was born and raised in Buffalo, N.Y. Following his post-doctoral work, he plans to become a professor.

“I certainly focus on my work as much as I can, but when I’m at home — while I’m watching TV or if I’m cooking or reading a book — I’ll have a puzzle around,” he said.

“It’s my morning coffee ... a good start to the day, a wake-up for your mind.”

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Halloween Open House
at Sunrise of Palo Alto

Join us at Sunrise of Palo Alto for a fun Halloween open house celebration. Put on your costumes and enjoy a light buffet, spooky snacks and ghostly activities. Children may trick-or-treat for candies and take part in a costume parade with prizes. Paint and take home a mini-pumpkin. We look forward to seeing you!

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The Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees seeks applicants for appointment to the independent, volunteer Measure C Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee, which will review and report to the public on the District’s Measure C bond expenditures. Applicants must reside in the District’s service area, which includes the cities of Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and portions of San Jose, Santa Clara and Saratoga. Applicants may not be an employee, contractor, consultant or vendor of the District. The Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee bylaws are available at www.measurec.fhda.edu or by calling (650) 949-6100.

Currently four committee members are needed in the following categories:

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• Representative, At Large
• Representative, Taxpayer Association
• Representative, Business Organization

This Committee is responsible for reviewing expenditures related to the District’s $490,800,000 general obligation bond, Measure C, approved by the voters on June 6, 2006. Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter detailing their qualifications and noting which of the above four categories they would represent to:

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Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

E-mail: chancellor@fhda.edu
Fax: 650.941.6289

Completed applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9. For more information, please call (650) 949-6100 or email chancellor@fhda.edu.
Deaths

Bill Anderson
Bill (Andy) Anderson, 64, a long-time resident of Menlo Park, died Oct. 6 of complications from leukemia. He was born in Palo Alto. He graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School in 1961. He joined the U.S. Army in 1963 and served three years in Turkey. After returning to Menlo Park and attending college, he worked for SRI and PG&E before joining Dahi Plumbing and Heating in 1974. He owned the company from 1975-2004 and retired in 2006. He was an avid gun collector, historian, knife maker and chef. He enjoyed river rafting, travel, reading and camping trips. He had been a contractor's licensees was a member of several professional organizations, the YBI chapter of E. Clampus Vitus and the “Club” at the Alpine Inn Beer Garden. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Hughes Anderson of Menlo Park; sister, Barbara McNealy of Oakland; brothers, Bob Anderson of Ben Lomond, Barry Anderson of Palo Alto and Brad Anderson of Mountain View; and many nieces, cousins and friends.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, www.walkingforben.org, 1625 El Camino Real, Belmont, CA 94002 or to Humananimal Connection Inc., www.humananimalconnection.com.

William Bonner
William Bonner, 87, Stanford University professor emeritus of chemistry, died Oct. 1. He was born in Chicago. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Harvard University in 1941 and a doctorate degree in chemistry from Northwestern University in 1944. After working at Northwestern as an instructor, he joined the Stanford faculty in 1946. He was made assistant professor in 1947 and earned a full professorship in 1959. He was a member of the Stanford faculty for 57 years, doing teaching and research in organic chemistry. He studied amino acids, the building block of proteins. He earned a Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship in 1952 and was the author of more than 200 scientific papers and publications. He was also an avid photographer and landscape painter. Bonner is survived by his second wife, Norma Bonner; first wife, Cyrena Nelson of San Francisco and their children, R. Nelson Bonner of Pacific Grove, Dwarika Bonner of Taos, N.M., Jay Bonner of Santa Fe, N.M., and Terra Miller of Menlo Park, all from his first marriage. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in his memory be made to an environmental cause of the donor’s choice.

Oliver Cotey Jr.
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Births
Vote yes on hotel tax and water reservoir

Measure M provides needed boost to city revenues and Measure N is a needed backup for emergencies

To no one’s surprise, Measure M, which would raise the city’s transient occupancy tax (sometimes called the hotel tax, or just TOT) from 10 percent to 12 percent of the going room rate, has drawn $1.2 million in support. This is expected to be raised over the next few years, and would go into Palo Alto’s General Fund to help fund basic services and overdue infrastructure upgrades. So voters are asked to approve the measure with no restrictions. It would produce no revenues.

If voters approve, officials say they will recommend that part of the new revenues — perhaps a quarter million dollars — go toward building visitor traffic to Palo Alto, expanding the Destination Palo Alto program launched last year. Funds would thus be available for the city to work with the proven-effective San Mateo County Visitors Bureau, as well as expanding local outreach efforts.

The big picture is that Palo Alto needs money to rebuild its aging infrastructure, and it needs more visitors to spend money to bolster its endangered sales tax revenues upon which the fate of so many city services rests.

It is a painless tax in terms of its impact on local residents. It is not even very painful for hotel guests, add just about $2.75 to the cost of a $130 room.

The concern of some that it might steer hotel guests to neighboring Mountain View and Menlo Park, which have just 10 percent hotel tax rates, seems groundless. There is talk in both communities about raising their TOT rates. East Palo Alto has 12 percent and San Francisco 14 percent. And who asks what the local TOT is when booking a room?

A second issue on the Palo Alto ballot is an advisory vote on whether city officials should approve a 2.5-million-gallon, 150-foot underground reservoir under a portion of El Camino Park.

This $22 million project would add materially to Palo Alto’s emergency water supply should some catastrophic emergency occur, locally or somewhere in the complex and vulnerable Hetch Hetchy water system.

If Hetch Hetchy goes dry, it’s only a matter of time before the water runs out, or even anticipate in a short-term setting. That’s a short enough time, and clearly this should not be the all the city does to prepare for an emergency that disrupts the water supply.

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Tectonic time bomb

Editor

Both major Bay Area newspapers (Oct. 18) reminded us with front-page stories and maps that we are all sitting on a tectonic time bomb.

Although we’ve long considered the San Andreas fault our main concern, it is obvious (from maps of projected damage) we will likely take a serious hit in Palo Alto from any major Hayward fault activity.

It is therefore essential that we get our emergency response center and communication center out of the seismic vulnerable basement at City Hall and into the new public safety building proposed on next year’s ballot. Continuity of these important functions is essential for our safety when the next “big one” hits.

Carl Anderson
Amaranta Avenue
Palo Alto

Language exposure

Editor

I enjoyed the Weekly’s article about foreign languages in private schools (Oct. 5).

Recently visited the Body Worlds exhibit at the Tech Museum in San Jose and was reminded of how absorbing the human mind is at such young ages.

Giving elementary students exposure to foreign languages is sure to lead some to proficiency and fluency, helping bridge cultural gaps in this era of globalization.

One small observation: Your title translates to “Private schools say ‘IF’ to foreign languages.”

Ross Dakin
Ramona Street
Palo Alto

The wrong questions

Editor

After attending numerous Planning Commission and City Council hearings, I have come to the conclusion that all the wrong questions are asked.

The question for the Hyatt Hotel chain should have been, “How can we facilitate your building a bigger and better hotel at the Rickey’s site?” That would have been the most important question. All the rest is somewhat superficial nitpicking.

The question for the Alma Plaza developer should have been, “How can we bring a bigger and better store to that site?”

The question for the Stanford Shopping Center owner should have been, “How can we facilitate your increasing sales by 30 percent?”

The question for the Stanford Medical Center, Children’s Hospital, etc. should have been, “How can we facilitate the actions you need to take to meet the latest earthquake requirements and to expand your operations?”

Instead, we hear questions about no new net trips to the shopping center, no buildings taller than 51 feet, housing for employees, pedestrian overpasses from the train station, etc.

As a result of nitpicking everything to death, we have a nightmare at the Rickey’s Hyatt site, a paltry 18,000 square feet of shopping area at the Alma Plaza site and about the same outcome for the Edgewood Plaza area.

We haven’t got a new, large hotel. We haven’t got a large Safeway or Lucky store. We haven’t got a favorable outcome for the auto dealers.

Where are the contributions from Palo Alto to these efforts?

Bruce Baker
Kipling Street
Palo Alto

Gibson’s Golda

Editor

I read Jeanie Forte’s review of “Golda’s Balcony” (Weekly, Oct. 12) and was surprised by her comment that the earlier Golda play on Broadway got a “lukewarm reception.” Apparently she is referring to a much earlier Gibson production from 1977.

Robert Hurvitz, in his review of TheatreWorks’/Saviola’s performance, stated, “The lack of dramatic...”
tension is surprising given the rave reviews Tovah Feldshuh received in the same role in 2003 during what became the longest-running one-woman show in Broadway history.” After reading Hurwitt’s Oct. 9 review in the San Francisco Chronicle, we opted not to see the TheatreWorks production of “Golda’s Balcony,” since having seen Tovah Feldshuh at ACT we felt it was so well done that no one could come close in the portrayal of Golda Meir.

Always enjoy the Weekly’s Theatre Review column. Barbara Cleveland
Kipling Street
Palo Alto

Rewards for scholars
Editor,
A group of philanthropists in New York City have expanded on an old but innovative idea for improving education. They are offering cash rewards to students for improving their education test scores.

Perhaps we should consider expanding that idea to all students throughout the country as a way to improve the educational standards so frequently complained about by our high tech executives in comparisons with other countries. But instead of cash rewards let’s offer free college educations to any students who have successfully met new higher standards in a range of higher level math, science, English or other specially chosen subjects. Marvin Lee
Harker Avenue
Palo Alto

Board of Contributors
Slow motion is how things get done in Palo Alto

by Diana Diamond

Slow motion — that’s the way I would describe the pace at which many things get done in Palo Alto.

Slow to get roads repaired, libraries facelifted, websites working — the city is replete with examples.

That became abundantly clear when City Auditor Sharon Erickson presented a report last week to the City Council’s Finance Committee on the status of some six years of audit recommendations to city staff from 10 different audit reports.

Her conclusion: Of 93 recommendations, city staff completed only five. A total of 68 recommendations are in process, some just barely, while 18 recommendations have not been started. Two have been discarded. Some recommendations are five years old.

Keep in mind that most of these recommendations are ways for the city to become more efficient and to save money — in some cases considerable amounts. One would think these recommendations would be a high priority for the city staff. Obviously they are not.

The recommendations range from lowering overtime expenditures, prioritizing code enforcement to maintaining parks and streets, recovering costs for city-run classes.

For example, one recommendation made in 2003 was: “The City should propose a revision to the Palo Alto Professional Firefighters contract that minimizes the frequency in which higher-rank employees work overtime in lower-rank positions.” Good idea, because right now it’s the higher-paid firefighters that are first asked if they want to work overtime rather than the lower-paid ones — as a result overtime costs this city more than it should. The city spends more than a million dollars a year in overtime for firefighters.

Erickson’s report notes that the fire department concurred with the recommendation, but then each year from 2004 to 2007 she reported that implementing the recommendation was “not started.”

A no-start label appears on 18 of her recommendations. Nearly all city departments are involved, including City Manager Frank Benes’s office, which has seven not-completed recommendations on the list.

If the manager’s office is delinquent in fulfilling the auditor’s recommendations, what kind of priority message does that give to the rest of the staff? The Finance Committee was clearly upset at the lack of progress. It is scheduled to discuss the report in early December.

That report got me to thinking about other incomplete projects around the city:

* The Color of Palo Alto — About five years ago, the city’s Public Arts Commission agreed to fund artist Sam Yeats, who wanted to determine the color of the city by photographing every house in town and then digitally combining the colors. He set up his modernistic garage-looking studio in a raised planter on the plaza right in front of City Hall. So far he’s received $65,000 for the project; $40,000 came from Hewlett-Packard. After some prodding, Yeats promised the commission that the color would be delivered by September 2007. It is now late October and we are still colorless; the now-unused garage is still on the plaza.

* Complaints about the city’s new Web site started as soon as the site was posted in July. (It was supposed to be completed months earlier.) We were told that the “glitches” would soon be remedied. It is now late October and while there have been slight fixes complaints are increasing.

* Now slow isn’t always bad. Slow can mean thoughtful, considered, relaxed and participatory. But slow can also be unproductive, ponderous and costly.

I think we need an attitude change at city hall.

I watch PASC0, the private Palo Alto Sanitation Company, pick up my garbage and the guys literally run from house to house. Ditto on gardeners with contracts from the city who mow city parks — they run with their lawn mowers.

I watch city employees mow our parks — they amble along. For private companies, the faster the employees work the more jobs can be done and the more money made. Apparently there is no reward — financial or otherwise — for city workers to get jobs done fast. And I see no signs of any penalty for failure to get them done at all.

But attitudes can change. Benest, or someone, should impose across-the-board deadlines, and make sure city auditor recommendations are met in a timely fashion — including carrying out the auditor’s recommendations in his own department.

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Last year the city was $28 million behind in road repairs. This year we are still at least $28 million behind. Some progress, no real catch-up.

How will you prepare for the next “big one”?

Ask on Emerson Street, downtown Palo Alto.

Desmond Po
Catering Director
3rd Street, San Francisco

“Keep a case of water and dried food at home.”

K.J. Chang
Retired
Homer Street, Palo Alto

“I have water, food, batteries and a lot of stuff in a safety deposit. The only thing I haven’t prepared is organizing all our important documents.”

June Power
Computer Software Engineer
Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

“We’re pretty prepared. We have a good safety kit. Our furniture is attached. We still have to put wires across the bookshelves. It’s just about being vigilant.”

Sean Kerska
Staffing Agency Manager
Oak Grove Avenue, Burlingame

“I keep a box with a flashlight, water, separate batteries, camp food, blanket and radio in a spot where I can find it.”

Katie Clark
Graphic Designer
Bush Street, San Francisco

“I would keep a lot of water, CLIF Bars and nonperishables. But honestly I’m not prepared. I don’t know if you can ever really be prepared.”
A Conceptual plan is proposed for the modernization of new retail area, plus the addition of a 120 room hotel. This proposal involves the seismic retrofit and upgrade of several buildings, and will result in a net increase of clinic space.

Packard Children’s Hospital, the School of Medicine, and Stanford Hospital & Clinics, Lucile Main Library, Social Studies Resource Center $&$ AMPUS (0#+!&).,$
It could be a scene straight out of the Jetsons: a car that is programmed to pick up the kids from soccer practice. No more mom and dad as chauffeurs.

Such a science-fiction scenario is not that far-fetched.

On Oct. 26, robotic vehicles, including one from Stanford University and another developed by a German team and led by a Palo Alto woman, will drive 60 miles of roads at the former George Air Force Base in Victorville, Calif. — without drivers.

Following the qualifying event, 20 of the competitors will move on to the final DARPA Urban Grand Challenge on Nov. 3, also in Victorville. The robotic vehicles will compete for $3.5 million in cash prizes.

In 2001, Congress mandated that by 2015, one-third of combat-ground vehicles should be unmanned. To develop new technologies for military applications, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) of the U.S. Department of Defense sponsors the robot-car competition.

The Stanford Racing Team won $2 million in the 2005 DARPA Desert Challenge with their Volkswagen Touareg named “Stanley.”

In a little more than one week, Stanford hopes to take the top prize again — this time, in an urban challenge, where the robots must navigate stop signs, intersections, parking spaces and other robotic cars.

Stanley is in the Smithsonian Institution now. “Junior” — the son of Stanley and named for Le- land Stanford Jr. — will take the road to Victorville.

A 2006 German-import VW Passat, Junior is an ideal car, the researchers said. It has a drive-by-wire control system, which makes it responsive to electrical signals and inexpensive to modify, according to team spokesman David Orenstein.

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The mission to accomplish

T he success in the DARPA Urban Challenge, team "robot cars" must safely complete a challenging urban-navigation mission on a 60-mile "urban" course. The setting replicates the environment in which many of today's battlefield missions are performed, according to Senior Researcher Walter Lien.

"Before are the challenges faced by the vehicles will be:

- Stay in the lanes
- Travel to off-designated "military" checkpoints
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Robotic car
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it can drive in. Black is where it can
drive; red is where it can’t drive.
(The laser) can scan up to 120 me-
ters away.

He switched to another program. A
3-D image of the AnnieWAY ap-
peared at the center of concentric
rings of black lines. Some of the
lines rose from the two-dimen-
sional rings to become little blobs
of denser lines. The blobs stretched
and moved around the car’s image.
These were people as AnnieWAY
perceives them.

The tracking system is precise, but
not so much as to pick up leaves,
Pitzer said. It is looking for dynamic
objects — such as people, animals
and moving cars — or larger inani-
mate objects.

Kammel relinquished the car’s
controls to the robot. The An-
nieWAY jolted in short hops. A
problem with the safety-braking
feature caused the car to lurch,
but once disabled, the car moved
smoothly, its steering system sens-
ing the road’s nuances.

“Even at night, it will still sense
where it needs to go,” Pitzer said.

As amazing as autonomous cars
appear to be, there is still a large
learning curve, he added.

“There are a lot of situations
where you see how good human rea-
sion does and how bad the computer
does,” he said.

The robot can’t distinguish be-
tween different kinds of moving
objects in its current configuration,
although living beings have specific
patterns that distinguish them. A
computer can use the movement of
shoulders or necks to differentiate
people from trees, Kammel said.

Sebastian Thrun, project leader
of the Stanford Racing Team, said
making the right choice of action
— the choice of “What shall I do?”
— is more difficult than one might
think. It’s the nuances of commu-
nication — that wave or nod that a
person gives or gets at an intersec-
tion when two cars meet — that
is distinctly human.

“General-purpose understanding
remains unsolved. It’s a mystery of
human intelligence. ... You can’t get
an accurate matching of words and
images,” he said.

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— Ben Pitzer, a Ph.D.
candidate who works at Bosch

Lien agreed that one of the chal-
lenges to engineers is the tendency
to anthropomorphize machines. The AnnieWAY
team never refers to the car as “she.”
In part, that may be because the
team mostly speaks German, and the
term for car is gender neutral, she
said.

“Humans really treat machines
as if they are humans. As technol-
gy gets smarter, humans expect
them to do things humans do. The
machine can do quite a lot. It can
calculate numerical value. In a sense
it is smarter than us,” she said, “but
they are still machines.”

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A future for driverless cars?

Even though the idea of driver-
less vehicles sparks flights of
the imagination, don’t expect
a fully autonomous car to be on
the market anytime soon, researchers
say.

Autonomous vehicles for mili-
tary applications are probably five
to 10 years away, performing tasks
such as removing mines and ex-

disposable devices. It will be 20 years
before a fully autonomous car hits
the mainstream market, according
to Sebastian Thrun, project leader
of the Stanford Racing Team.

For one thing, the cost will have
to come down. Experimental cars
have run the gamut in price. The
AnnieWAY, developed by a Ger-
man team led by Palo Alto An-
nie Lien, cost $300,000. Junior,
Stanford’s current prototype, cost
$2 million — four times that of
the team’s first robotic car, Stanley,
Thrun said.

And there are greater obstacles
beyond technology.

“There are all the [transporta-
Who will be responsible if it
cares? If you don’t have a driver
anymore, the liability shifts to the
manufacturer,” he said.

Even if fully autonomous cars
may not materialize soon, com-
mercial applications will come
in stages in the form of driver-
assistance devices, such as lane
tracking that senses when fatigued
drivers are drifting off roads,
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Such applications could be
hugely effective in reducing fatali-
ties — something that has touched
Thrun personally. He has known
several people who died in traffic
crashes.

And when he lectures, he often
asks audience members how many
of them have known someone who
killed themselves.

“You see it all the time. You see
people involved in accidents, and
you think, ‘This could have been
prevented.’”

He envisions a future that could
leverage the existing space and in-
crease fuel economy by as much
as 17 percent by close convoying
of trucks. And because of their ac-
curacy, robotic trucks could travel
successfully at such close toler-
ances without having accidents.

In tests, some computer-driven
trucks have an accuracy of driving
10 centimeters apart at 70 mph, he
added.

“Eight percent of the gap is taken
up by the car. The rest is complete-
ly free space. It’s because we are
lousy drivers,” he said.

—Sue Dremann

On the cover: The rear view
of Junior, the Stanford Racing
Team’s test car for the DARPA
Urban Challenge, displays the
rotation laser beams and other
key equipment. Photograph by
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Modern Hospitals, Sustainable Design
What “Green” Means for Hospital Design, Healing Environments and Healthcare

Stanford University Medical Center invites you to join us for a public forum on the concept of sustainability as it applies to the design and operation of healthcare facilities. Learn what “green” means for hospitals specifically and the many opportunities presented by our plans to modernize and rebuild.

The forum will feature a panel of experts from around the country who specialize in sustainable hospital design, energy conservation and green building practices for healthier hospital environments.

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HEALTHCARE TOMORROW is a speaker series presented by the Stanford University Medical Center Renewal and Replacement Project discussing topics ranging from the Future of Healthcare to Sustainability and Modern Hospital Design.
Menlo-Atherton, Palo Alto, SHP move closer to postseason football playoffs

by Craig Wentz

With three weeks remaining in the regular season, most area prep football teams are either in contention for a league championship or scrambling for an at-large postseason berth after an odd, yet successful weekend.

It was a weekend that saw Menlo-Atherton giving up just eight yards of offense, Sacred Heart Prep scoring an abundance of points without attempting a pass and Gunn posting its second shutout of the season despite owning just three wins.

Menlo-Atherton and Palo Alto, meanwhile, made some considerable headway toward postseason play while winning on the road.

The Bears (4-0, 6-1) strolled host Burlingame, 37-3, on Friday night to remain atop the PAL Bay Division, 0-0, 1-0. The Vikings (3-4, 5-2) remained alive in the SCVAL De Anza Division championship hunt with a crucial 21-12 triumph on Friday over host Wilcox (2-1-1, 3-3-1).

Menlo-Atherton and Palo Alto both face the bottom of their respective leagues for the next three weeks and should run the table for valuable confidence and momentum heading into the postseason.

M-A leads Aragon (4-1, 5-2) by a game in the Bay Division, while Paly trails league-leading Los Gatos (3-0, 6-0-1) by one game in the De Anza Division.

The next three opponents for M-A have a combined 5-16 record. The Bears host Carlmont (0-5, 1-6) on Saturday at 2 p.m. Palys’s final three opponents are a combined 6-15. The Vikings play at winless Santa Clara (0-3, 0-7) on Saturday at 2 p.m.

M-A is arguably the most under- rated team in the section with its large and experienced line, athletic skill position players and stingy defense. Against Burlingame, the Bears allowed a remarkable eight yards of offense at Burlingame had a minus-one yards rushing and nine yards passing on 3-of-18 completions.

“That was a lot of fun to watch,” M-A coach Bob Sykes said of his teams season-best defensive effort. “That’s a first for me, holding a team to eight yards of offense.”

M-A broke open a 3-3 game with 34 unanswered points as senior running back Will Lattu scored two touchdowns and senior quarterback Troy McCabe connected with Rus-

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Paly’s Earl Hansen was named a CCS Fall Honors coach.

ON THE AIR

Friday

Women’s volleyball: Stanford at UCLA, 7 p.m.; KZSU (90.1 FM)

Prep sports: High School Sports Focus, 11 a.m., KUSU (91.5 FM)

Prep football: Bishop Christian at Sacred Heart Prep, 8 p.m., Media Center* (720) replay Monday at 8 p.m.

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STANFORD FOOTBALL

All the right moves

Cardinal tops Arizona despite plugging holes due to player injuries

by Rick Eymer

Considering that Stanford lost one fullback before the season even started, and then lost a starting linebacker, a starting offensive lineman, a starting quarterback and the starting tight end in successive weeks, its a wonder the Cardinal was even competitive last Saturday.

It was only fitting, then, that Jeremy Stewart scored the game-winning touchdown in Stanford’s 21-20 victory over host Arizona in a Pac-10 Conference contest. It was Stewarts’s first career touchdown and it gave Stanford its fourth straight win in Tucson.

Stewart, a true freshman, was the emergency backup running back.

He wasn’t supposed to play because of an injured shoulder. Coach Jim Harbaugh needed him for one play, and Stewart carried the weight of the game across the goal line.

“I could worry about the injury later,” Stewart said afterward. 

“When they sent me in, I was just worried about getting into the end zone.”

The Cardinal (3-3, 2-4) has another chance to add luster to the season when it travels to Corvallis for a 3:30 p.m. game against Oregon State, a team with its own “giant killer” tag after beating then No. 2 California two weeks ago.

Jason Evans, a redshirt senior who rushed for a career high 78 yards and scored just his second career touchdown, was nowhere to be seen on Stanford’s two-deep as the season opened. Against the Beavers, hes still.

The Cardinal roster is littered with unfamiliar names and shifting positions.

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Sports

M-A girls, SHP boys take shots at their first league polo titles

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by Keith Peters

The Menlo-Atherton girls and Sacred Heart Prep boys will take their shots at history on Wednesday when the two water polo teams play for their first-ever regular-season league titles. The Bears (5-0, 9-5) can clinch their first PAL Bay Division crown by beating visiting Burlingame at 4 p.m. The Gators (5-0, 17-2) can win their first West Catholic Athletic League title by beating host St. Francis at 5 p.m.

Both programs have enjoyed plenty of success recently, but never accomplished what awaits them this week.

Menlo-Atherton’s best team in recent history fashioned a 26-9 mark in 2005, the best record in school history, and reached the CCS Division II finals before losing to Menlo. The Knights also won the regular-season showdown with M-A.

Menlo-Atherton already has beaten Menlo this season, as well as second-place Castilleja. All three teams will meet again this weekend in the Amanda MacDonald tournament at Menlo and again in the PAL playoffs Nov. 2-3 at Burlingame.

Paly has demonstrated a great amount of resiliency with its inexperienced line and has regrouped after suffering consecutive losses to CCS powers Oak Grove and Los Gatos in September. Paly’s defense shut down Will Brandin found junior receiver Spencer Sturken on a 32-yard score and sell Perkins on a 32-yard touchdown pass with three minutes remaining in the half.

Paly increased the margin to 21-12 in the third quarter when Brandin plunged in from one yard out. After that, Paly’s defense shut down the Chargers the rest of the way while taking advantage of four turnovers.

Sacred Heart Prep girls (5-0, 18-1), meanwhile, can clinch the WCAL regular-season title by beating host St. Francis on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The local boys grabbed center

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STANFORD ROUNDUP

Volleyball still tied for Pac-10 lead

Cardinal women visit UCLA, USC to open second half of the season

by Rick Eymer

T he second half of the Pac-10 season begins with yet another tough road trip for the Stanford women’s volleyball team.

The third-ranked Cardinal (8-1, 19-1) remains locked in a tie with No. 4 Washington for first place in the conference lead after sweeping its trip to the desert over the weekend.

Stanford downed Arizona, 31-29, 30-24, 30-28, in Tucson on Thursday and followed that with a 30-21, 30-19, 30-14 win over Arizona State in Tempe on Friday.

Of the nine remaining matches, three of the four against top 10 teams are on the road, beginning with Friday’s match at No. 7 UCLA and Saturday’s match at No. 6 USC. Stanford also plays the Huskies in Seattle early next month.

Ninth-ranked California and No. 16 Oregon visit Maples Pavilion.

The Cardinal again rode its three-pronged attack — with many variations — to the win in Arizona. Cynthia Barboza, Alix Klineman and Foluke Akinradewo are Stanford’s top three hitters. They combined for 30 kills against the Wildcats and an automatic entry into the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

Women’s soccer

Second-ranked Stanford (1-1-1, 0-2-2) lost to top-ranked UCLA, 2-0, on Friday and tied No. 10 USC, 1-1, on Sunday in Pac-10 action.

Senior Lizzy George scored just once this season, but against the Trojans she became a candidate to start, was converted to tight end earlier this season. After five consecutive losses, the defense buckled under pressure.

“Tight end was the last six trips into Pauley Pavilion, but it never gets any easier. The Bruins and USC are both two games behind the co-

Stanford football

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positions as the coaching staff tries to plug holes left by injuries.

Evans filled in for the injured Anthony Kimble, who had filled in for the injured Toby Gerhart. Kimble and Gerhart, by the way, are Stanford’s first 100-yard rushers in several years.

Evans even got hurt himself against the Wildcats, leaving Stanford with exactly zero experienced running backs.

Shopping for a running back, a redshirt freshman, who helped balance the run attack by rushing for his career-high of 50 yards.

“His running was not a big problem,” Evans said. “He did a lot of the heart out. They blocked everybody. I couldn’t find any more running back, coming in and trying to replace Anthony.”

Sophomore Chris Marinelli, the right tackle, is the lone offensive lineman who is in the same position in which he finished last year. Left tackle Ben Math replaced starter Allen Smith the past few weeks after Smith’s season ended with an injury. Left guard Mikal Brewer ended last year as the starting center. Center Tim Mattran was unavailable last year because of a high ankle sprain. Right guard Alex Fletcher moved to center last year.

Wide receivers Evan Moore and Mark Bradford were out with injuries most of last year, Tatiana Priuchard is the quarterback because of T.C. Ostrander’s seizure a day after the loss to Arizona State, and freshman Owen Manuce stepped in for Emeka Nwobi, who was forced to retire from football during the pre-season.

Receiver Richard Sherman, who was a backup to begin last year, is the only other player on the offensive side of things to return to where he left off.

Austin Gunder or Ben Ladner (a defensive lineman when he first showed up on campus) will make a start at tight end after Jim Dray was lost for the season with an injury.

“His mind is set just go out and play,” Harbaugh said. “The only thing we really concern ourselves with is how they play, they’re playing hard and they’re playing all out. They’re playing confident.”

Sophomore linebacker Will Powers, who recovered the fumble that secured last week’s win and is now a candidate to start, was converted to tight end earlier this season. After Frey Campbell suffered his career-ending injury, Powers went back to the defensive line.

“He’s not alone,” Erik Long and Austin Yancey each came over to the defensive side after playing offense (tight end and wide receiver respectively) last year.

Defensive end Pannel Egboh, linebacker Pat Maynor, linebacker Clinton Snyder and cornerback沃蓬Pomaasi are the lone defenders who returned to the same position.

Freshman Chike Amajoyi was recruited as a running back but will get plenty of playing time at a linebacker Prefer the rest of the season. Nick Sanchez, Bo McNally, Chris Horn and Ekom Udofia all made position changes.

Somehow the whole thing has been working better than ever.

“We’re growing up a lot,” Defensive end Udeme Udofia said. “We’re trying to bring the young guys along and change the culture around here. For the guys who are just learning how to win again, it’s been a while since there’s been a great Stanford team. We’re on our way to restoring that legacy our program once had.”

One surprising victory at a time.
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS AND DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES

**NOTICE IS HEREY GIVEN** that the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, the persons named below have been appointed to serve as Election Officers in the designated election precincts, at the specified polling places:

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Notice is also given that ballots cast as said election will be counted at the Registrar of Voters Office, 1555 Bunker Drive, Building 2, S. San Jose, commencing at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Dated: October 24, 2007

DONNA J. ROGERS, CITY CLERK
Boys soccer
Sacred Heart Prep (12-1, 14-3) won its eighth straight match and moved closer to earning the No. 1 seed for the CCS Division III playoffs following a 4-1 victory at Pinewood last Friday. Justin Vertongen, who suffered an injury an injury against Woodside Priory on Oct. 8 and left the field that day on crutches, returned to the SHP lineup and showed his fitness with two second-half goals.

Girls tennis
Palo Alto (10-0, 19-0) can wrap up a perfect regular season this week by beating Milpitas and Santa Clara (Thursday), which the Vikings should do. Paly then will host the SCVAL Individual Tournament on Oct. 30-31 before opening up CCS team play on Nov. 7.

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FOOTBALL


1-4. Totals: Menlo-Atherton 8-182, Burlingame 3 0 0 0 — 3

RUSHING:
A — Slack 14 pass from Miller (Shehade
A — Pohahau 2 run (kick failed)
M — Rice 77 kickoff return (Sullivan kick)
MA — McLaughlin 8 pass from Baty
MA — Knapp 31 pass from McCabe
MA — FG Bader 24

PASSING:
W — unreported
SHP — Walter 9 run (Bocci kick)
SHP — Capovilla 59 run (Bocci kick)
SHP — Walter 35 run (Bocci kick)
SHP — Bocci 70 kickoff return (kick
C — Keyser 65 run (run failed)
SHP — Capovilla 55 run (run failed)
SHP — Walter 3 run (Walter run)
SHP — Walter 12 run (Bocci kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
• Wednesday, October 24, 2007 • Palo Alto Weekly

Polo Alto 7-1 (7-1) gimme, San Benito 0-7, North Harker 0-7; Menlo School 5-0, Sacred Heart Prep 1-0 (14-0);

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD
15TH FREE
El Camino Real
California Avenue

FOOD

El Camino Real
California Avenue

Balfour Books
Menlo-Atherton
Menlo-Atherton

Airhouse-Keller Williams Realty
At Pinwood, 7th Thursday, 2009, 2008

Joanie’s Café
At Los Altos

El Camino Real

Palo Alto Weekly

Boyce 10-24-1-139, Baty
Menlo, Miracchi 12-55, Mos-
Movie reviews by Jeanne Aufmuth, Tyler Hanley, and Susan Tavernetti

Note: Screenings are for Wednesday through Thursday only.

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